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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending in the present application. Claim 7 has been canceled and claims 1, 8, 11, 15-18, 20, and 26 have been amended herein. Accordingly, claims 1-6 and 8-26 are currently pending.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 17, and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,892,768 ("Jeng"). The Examiner rejected claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,574,240 ("Tzeng"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,195 ("Ford"). The Examiner rejected claims 3-6, 10, 13-15, and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tzeng, in view of Ford and Jeng.

Furthermore, the Examiner objected to claims 7-9, 16, 18-19, and 26 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of objected-to claim 7. Likewise, Applicant has incorporated similar portions of objected-to claim 16 into independent claim 11, of objected-to claim 18 into independent claim 17, and of objected-to claim 26 into independent claim 20. Applicant also has made minor typographical corrections to the claims. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims should now be patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and that this response complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact Applicant's attorney, Steven Shaw, at (972) 917-5137. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that there are any fees due, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

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